Creating rough cuts

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LECTURE SUMMARY

Covered in this lecture:

How to do a rough cut

- A rough cut is the first edited version of your video and it involves:
  - sticking all the raw footage together
  - removing the bad takes
  - syncing the audio
  - picking camera angles if you use multiple cameras
  - cropping things from the frame
  - doing color correction if the lighting wasn't perfect

- **Tips for doing rough cuts:**

  #1 Always have your script with you
  #2 Edit the video in sequential order following the script or storyboard
  #3 Use the audio waveform as a guide to cut out quiet sections or "ums"
  #4 Leave extra space before and after each take
  #5 Don't add transitions
  #6 Add temporary titles in the spots they're supposed to go

- When you're done, watch the whole video and see if it makes sense

- After doing the rough cut, you'll be ready to add things on top, like text, screencasts, b-roll, etc.